The 1977 Duchesne County budget was presented Tuesday to the commissioners and the public. Next year's budget will be approximately $73,000 less than last year, and anticipated receipts during 1977 are $2,168,542.42. The estimated year end balance this year will be $990,000; with an estimated balance planned for next year of $578,000.

The greatest budget increase was for the mosquito abatement district. The other major change involved a new policy for benefits. Instead of separate funds for retirement, social security and insurance, these costs have been built into each department budget.

Following is the proposed 1977 budget for Duchesne County:

1977 Proposed Budget for Duchesne County

Department	1976 Budget	1977 Budget
Commission	31,050.00	39,047.00
District Court	20,288.36	23,928.00
Precinct Court	22,600.00	27,360.00
Juvenile Court	2,500.00	5,500.00
Clerk	40,430.14	46,512.00
Treasurer	46,167.24	53,060.00
Recorder	40,080.00	41,973.00
Attorney	28,320.00	36,996.00
Assessor	52,559.19	66,207.00
Engineer	25000 00	27,973.00
Sheriff	89,792.00	108,053.00
Election	6,420.00	
Agricultural Inspection	1,448.00	1,713.00
Road	1,484,156.60	1,550,218.00
Buildings and Grounds	35,932.00	39,013.00
Jail	309,120.20	147,881.00
Weed	48,925.00	55,487.00
Fire	12,374.00	3,500.00
Retirement	57,093.51	
Social Security	31,151.17	
Blue Cross and Insurance	21,800.00	
Other	140,000.00	181,124.00
Health	27,742.00	34,672.00
Mental Health	8,455.00	11,188.00
P & I	22,100.00	24,800.00
Recreation	20,700.00	25,000.00
Exhibits	14,000.00	14,000.00
Extension Services	14,390.00	15,986.00
Totals	**2,654,594.41**	**2,581,191.**
Library	6,874.50	6,874.50
Hospital Bond	22,555.00	22,555.00
Class B. Road	126,890.89	123,527.00
Collector road	219,811.12	104,560.00
Mosquito abatement	50,000.00	70,482.00
CETA	19,385.01	13,818.00
Low Income Housing	9,330.69	4,634.00
Revenue sharing	132,968.00	145,786.00
Grand Total	**3,242,409.62**	**3,073,427.50**
Estimated balance 12/31/75		**990,834.16**
Estimated 1977 receipts		**2,168,542.42**
		3,159,376.58
1977 Budget		**2,581,191.00**
Estimated balance 12/31/77		**578,185.58**

Hansen pledges state legal counsel in jurisdiction suits

Attorney General Elect Robert Hansen met in Roosevelt last week with county and city leaders to discuss the Ute Indian Law and Order Code. Hansen expressed concern over the jurisdiction issue involving five counties, stating that there "is no case in the office that is more significant in terms of impact on people."

Present at the meeting were the Duchesne County Commission, Roosevelt City officials, representatives of the Uintah Basin Association of Governments, and concerned citizens pending individual suits with the tribe.

Mr. Hansen discussed the present status of the case and the role of the attorney general's office, and then discussed individual situations.

According to Hansen, the attorney general's office has held several strategy sessions since becoming acquainted with the case over a year ago. He stressed that the "state will do whatever has to be done to maximize our chance of winning." The State of Utah is involved in two cases with the Ute Indian Tribe. One of the cases is between the State Tax Commission and the Tribe, and also deals with the boundary issue. It will be heard before the Court of Appeals in Denver. The other case involves the Ute Tribe Law and Order Code and defendents Duchesne County, Roosevelt City, Duchesne City and the State of Utah.

Hansen expressed his confidance that outstanding trial counsel has been retained. Tom Tobin, South Dakota, is an Indian law expert, one of few in the country. He has been retained by Duchesne County and the attorney general's office to do detailed background work preparing briefs. Richard Dusnef, a private attorney retained by the state, will work with Mr. Tobin at the trial court level. In addition to legal counsel from the attorney general's office, Duchesne County Attorney and Deputy County Attorney LeRoy Park and Lynn Mitten are preparing defense.

The Ute Law and Order Code case is ready and prepared to take documentation to the trial level, according to Hansen. The case will come before District federal court early next year, depending on Judge Ritter's health and case load. The case will be appealed whatever the outcome, and Hansen commented that the real battle will be at the court of appeals in Denver. He estimated that it will be a year and a half before the final ruling is made.

Issues facing individual citizens were discussed with Hansen, in addition to the negative effect the jurisdiction issue has had on the economy, and potential business and residential development.

LaMar Stevenson, Altamont, was apprehended by seven tribal officers during deer season while crossing tribal land while leaving Petty Mountain on National Forest Land. Stevenson will have a pre-trial hearing Friday, on the misdemeanor petty trespass. Last year the Ute Tribe entered into an agreement with the governor, and city and county law officials that neither side would exert jurisdiction until a final ruling was handed down. Hansen remarked that from the information he had at this time, it was his opinion that it was proper for the attorney general's office to intervene in the case.

Another issue concerned affiliated Utes, half blood Indians who say they "can't afford to take on the federal government" inorder to receive the rights they were promised since being terminated by the tribe.

Calvin Hackford and Glen Murdock, both half blood Utes, were among 490 members of the Ute Tribe that were terminated in 1954. Surveys were taken and it was a government policy during the early 50's to encourage Indians to assume citizenship and accept their social environment. Hackford said a survey was taken here in 1953, indicating no one here was eligible for termination due to lack of education in administrative affairs. However, 27 percent of the tribal members were terminated, described by Hackford as a way to cut membership in the tribe. Anyone half Indian or less was voted out, and had to accept termination. The termination provided for division of assets, including reservation land. Murdock argues the termination was intended to put their property on the tax rolls, but provided for them to retain prior rights, including hunting and water rights. The affiliated or terminated Utes claim they have not received the rights and disbursements agreed to in the termination agreement. In addition, the Utes were the only band divided, and the only case of mixed bloods being terminated. The termination resolution also intended that the full bloodsk were to be terminated after ten years, but extensions have been granted to them.

Attorney General Elect Hansen pledged continued support to citizens of the basin, stressing it would be best to proceed on a rational, intellectual, judicial level.

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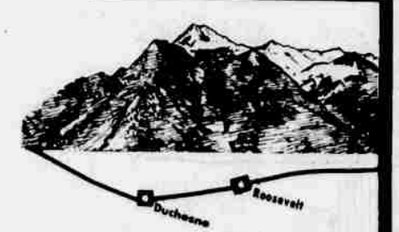


The UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

A consolidation of the
ROOSEVELT STANDARD and UINTAH BASIN RECORD

Resident faces hearing with Ute Tribe

A pre-trial hearing will be held Friday for LaMar Stevenson, Altamont, who was cited for petty trespassing on Indian land during hunting season.

According to Leon Perank, spokesman for the tribe, "LaMar Stevenson, Altamont, and Don Peterson, Salt Lake City, were cited for trespassing on Indian land on a closed road posted as no trespassing by the Ute Tribe. Stevenson and Peterson were cited for simple trespass in accordance with the Law and Order Code of the Ute Indian Tribe, Uintah and Ouray Reservation. Disposition of both cases will be determined by the Ute Tribal Court when the hearing is set."

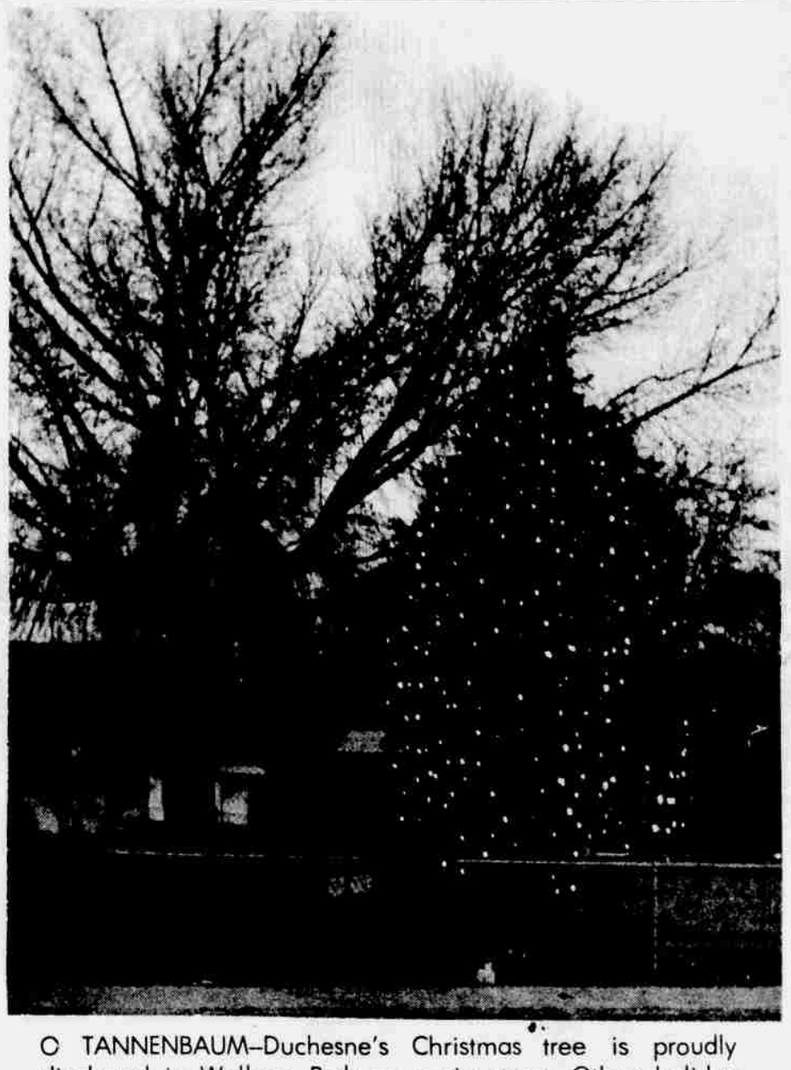
County law officers view the arrest and disposition of this case in tribal courts as a breach of a mutual understanding and agreement between the two law and order agencies. County Sheriff George Marett explained that there is a mutual understanding and agreement that any whites picked up on Indian land in minor violations would be turned over to the county to process. "When we arrest Indians, we write out a ticket on an Indian ticket book and turn the person over to them. We understood this would be the policy unless the person was violent or endangering someone's life".

Governor Calvin Rampton first proposed this mutual agreement last fall, but his proposal was countered by another by the tribal business committee. Lester Chapoose proposed that the Tribe will "arrest non-Indians on trust lands only in extraordinary circumstances such as drunken or restless driving which imperil the lives of everyone."

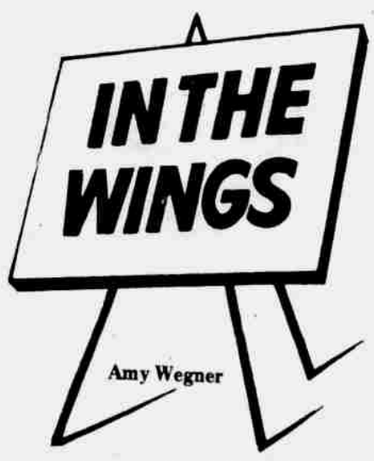
Stevenson reports that he was hunting on Petty Mountain on National Forest Land during deer season. When returning home, he came down the main road of the face of Petty Mountain. He and Don Peterson were towing their jeep. They were stopped by Indian officers, but according to Stevenson, were never told they were under arrest. "We were finally allowed to place a phone call to my business, thus indirectly contacting the sheriff's department. When the tribal officers tried to confiscate my funs, I told them they only had the right to check them, and I closed the pickup door. The gun remained in the gun rack in the pickup. I was then handcuffed, and the tribal officers called Ft. Duchesne and reported I went for my gun." Stevenson was charged with resisting arrest, however, this charge has since been dropped, and he only faces charges on petty trespass. Seven tribal officers were involved in the arrest, all of which had been working in close proximity of the site of the arrest.

The county sheriff's department had sent a deputy to take custody of Stevenson, but the tribal officers took Stevenson to Ft. Duchesne. Two Duchesne County deputies, Scott Cowan and Merell Capwell, and one Uintah County deputy, Julius Murray, stopped the tribal police at the county line as instructed by the county sheriff George Marett. The officers explained to the tribal police that if they retained custody of Stevenson and prosecuted him through their courts, this would violate the mutual agreement and Duchesne County would be obligated to do the same. Deputy Capwell reported that they emphasized to the tribal officers that the county would consider this a breach of the mutual agreement, and that it would be the Ute Tribe that had severed mutual cooperation. County duputies report that the tribal officers said, "We've got do do what we're told to do."

Stevenson's attorney met them at Ft. Duchesne, where $100 bail was posted. He plead not guilty to an arraignment before an Indian judge. But he reports he was contacted the next day that that arraignment didn't count, and he appeared again before a white judge. He will be present this Friday at a pre-trial hearing, where he plans to plead not-guilty.



O TANNENBAUM–Duchesne's Christmas tree is proudly displayed in Wallace Park on main street. Other holiday festivities include two visits from Santa Claus this weekend. He'll be at the program at the Baptist church Friday, and at the American Legion hall Saturday at 3 p.m.



There was a good turnout last week for the Utah Symphony performance, although it wasn't a capacity crowd. The performance was excellent, as evidenced by the enthusiastic response of those in attendance, and their comments afterward.

The school district should be commended for bringing the symphony to the basin. The concert was supported by a grant from the Utah American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Duchesne County Community Education Program, and ticket sales.

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Duchesne high school seniors should be commended for the initiative and hard work they expended in determining the feasibility of a class trip to California. The seniors investigated many aspects of the trip, and appeared before the school board last week. It was unfortunate though that they didn't discuss the proposal with someone at the district office sooner. Some of the reasons the district cannot support the trip include legal ramifications, costs in addition to the $1,458 requested, violations of district policy, safety hazards, implications involved with the two advisor teachers being absent from their classes for 60 class periods and the cost of hiring substitutes, etc. But even though the proposal was denied, it was a good learning experience for the students, and hopefully, they will come up with an alternative trip that fits within the framework of district policy.

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It's almost that time of year again, when we jot down goals and ideals for the next year, that this year we resolve will be accomplished. It's also time to look over last year's mistakes. It always seems so easy to make a list, because lists are always misplaced. But maybe this year we won't need a list. As individuals and citizens of our respective communities and county, we should all strive to treat others and their possessions with the same respect we in turn expect.

Highsight is always better than foresight, but it didn't take long to come up with some pretty disgusting grievances. For instance, would you believe that the Duchesne Valley Clinic regularly has customers that when presented with their bill exclaim "Oh, I forgot my purse in the car, I'll be right back with my checkbook." Only Dan and Lois don't see them again, that is, until they come in again for medical care. There's also a lot of vandalism, and little concern by citizens about controlling it or cleaning it up. Just in the last few months the fire engine has been drained of gas, the planters on main street have had their trees uprooted, and the dog pound is regularly unlocked. This demonstrates a lack of respect for others and ourselves. And it doesn't even take action always. For instance, look at the senior citizens on fixed incomes who were hurt by inaccurate rumors that the proposed improvement district would cost $10-40,000 per residence, and that people would be evicted from their homes. All of this was grossly exaggerated and false, and entirely needless, because there was ample opportunity to get factual information and participate in the decision making process.

These are just a few examples, that when summed up, are pretty embarrassing. Maybe as we embark on our 201st year, we'll be able to renew pride and respect for our neighbors and community and ourselves.

Public meeting tonight to set grant priorities

A public meeting will be held tonight, December 16, and again on Tuesday, December 21, to determine priorities for the application by Duchesne City for the Community Development Block Grant.

Duchesne City officials are applying for a community development block grant, non-metropolitan discretion, through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A pre-application must be submitted before January 7, 1976.

Citizen participation in developing the pre-application is strongly encouraged. The two public meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in the Duchesne Court Room tonight, December 16, and next Tuesday, December 21. The public meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to articulate needs, express preferences about proposed activities, and to assist in the selection of priorities in developing the pre-application.

In the State of Utah, the anticipated discretionary funds available will be $1.2 million. The maximum amount accepted on applications is $300,000. Competition for the grant money is keen. Last year 65 communities filed pre-application, only eight were funded.

The criteria for selecting those community projects that will be funded are: 1) extent of substandard housing in the community, 2) extent of poverty, 3) extent to which activities or program benefits low or moderate income families, 4) extent to which activities are necessary to support expansion or conservation of low or moderation income housing stock, 5) extent to which the activities alleviate a serious threat to health or safety, 6) a firm committment of other state or federal funds exists to be used with the block grant funds to complete the activities.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated a variety of eligible activities. They are as follows: 1) acquisition of real property, 2) acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of certain public works, 3) code enforcement in area of determination, 4) clearance, demolition, removal and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements including the rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing, 5) special projects to remove architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons, 6) payment of the non-federal share requirement in connection with a federal grant in aid program undertaken as part of the community development program, 7) activities necessary to develop a comprehensive community development plan, 8) payment of administrative costs related to the planning and execution of the community development and housing activities.

Anyone having any questions about the program is invited to contact Max Forbush, Duchesne City Administrator, at 738-2464 or to stop in at the city office.

Santa comes Saturday

December 18th is the date to circle on your calendar for the arrival of Santa Claus in Duchesne this year. He will arrive at the American Legion Hall about 3:30, and will stay until he's heard all of the gift requests from his visitors.

Children that are sick and can't see Santa Saturday can call the sheriff's office at 738-2424 and leave their name and address. Santa will visit them at home.

CON AMORE–The new special education building at Myton is progressing satisfactorily, according to Architect Rowe Smith. The new building (foreground) is being constructed by the county school district, and is located next to Myton elementary. The building should be finished in the spring.